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CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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FOOD REQUIREMENT
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of food requirement required in West Bengal in Below PovertyLine (BPL) and Above Poverty Line (APL) category through PDS in 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001;

(b) the actual quantity allotted and augmented for West Bengal State; and

(c) the issue price and actual retail price for BPL category in those years?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI CHAUHAN)

(a) & b) : The allocation of foodgrains (rice and wheat) was made under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS), introduced in June,1997, for the families below poverty lines (BPL) @ 10 kg. of foodgrains per family per month on the basis of the poverty estimates of the Expert Group appointed by the Planning Commission.The difference between the average annual lifting over the past 10 years at the time of introduction of TPDS and requirementfor BPL families was given as transitory allocation for the families above poverty line (APL).

The allocation of foodgrains for BPL families to States/UTs was doubled from 10 kg. to 20 kg. per family per month from 1.4.2000.

The quantities of foodgrains (rice and wheat) allotted to West Bengal under TPDS during1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 are as under: -

(in `000 tonnes)

Year	BPL	APL+ADDL.	TOTAL
Rice			
1998-99	288.490	278.760	567.250
1999-2000	264.840	253.760	518.600
2000-2001	537.984	336.840	874.824
Wheat			
1998-99	260.150	787.200	1047.350
1999-2000	283.800	777.300	1061.100
2000-2001	576.496	778.400	1354.896

(c) The central issue prices (CIPs) of rice and wheat for BPL category, ex-FCI godowns of, have been as under:-

(in Rs./quintal)

Applicable from	Rice	Wheat

1-06-1997	350	250
1-04-2000	590	450
25-07-2000	565	415

The retail prices of rice and wheat for BPL category in West Bengal during 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 have been as under: -

(in Rs./quintal)

Year	Rice	Wheat
1998-99	400	300
1999-2000	400	300
2000-2001	640	500